

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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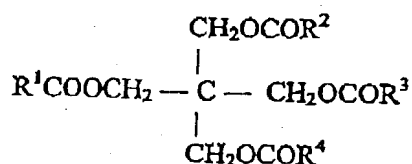

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. No changes to claim language were made. The claims were brought into conformance with formal matters by deleting references to the claim status rather than mailing a letter of non-compliance with current amendment practice.

The claims will read as follows:


1. A magnetic recording medium, comprising a primer layer containing at least nonmagnetic powder on a support member and at least one layer of magnetic layer containing ferromagnetic powder dispersed in a binder, the magnetic layer being placed on the support member, wherein the primer layer comprises at least one type of compound expressed by the following general formula (1);

General formula (1)



where R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 each represents an alkyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms.

2. A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein thickness of the magnetic layer is within the range of 0.05 to 1 μm .
3. A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said magnetic recording medium is a disk.
4. A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein tetraester compound expressed by the general formula (1) is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 50 weight parts to 100 weight parts of nonmagnetic powder.
5. A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein tetraester compound expressed by the general formula (1) is contained in an amount of 1 to 25 weight parts to 100 weight parts of nonmagnetic powder.


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